



ECS Blueprint Webinar Series

Transfer Policies: Students on the Move

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The webinar will review the findings of the ECS Blueprint for College Readiness Transfer Policy report and 50-state analysis. It will also feature two state policy leaders to share the latest in transfer and articulation from Colorado and Florida.

COLORADO

Carl Einhaus, Director of Student Affairs, Colorado

Department of Higher Education, will discuss the latest efforts in Colorado to pursue reverse transfer policies through an initiative called Degree Within Reach. Degree Within Reach is Colorado's way of describing reverse transfer, "a process allowing students who have transferred from a Colorado Community College System campus to a Colorado university to combine credits from both institutions and apply them toward an associate's degree" (CDHE, 2015). Over the past several months, Colorado has started issuing reverse degrees based on data for 318 potentially eligible students. Carl will discuss the first year of the program, referred to as Degrees Within Reach, and participants will learn about the key elements of the policy as well as the successes and bumps CO has experienced along the way.



Carl Einhaus has worked in student services for 17 years in various roles. He first served as a residence hall director at the University of Stony Brook, and then dove into the world of admissions for nearly nine years. Einhaus recruited at Western Michigan University with program responsibilities in transfer admissions and orientation and then supervised the application and prospect student area at Colorado State University. Most recently, he served as the director of enrollment services for the Colorado Community College System for more than six years, with responsibilities that included working on the Reverse Transfer project.



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FLORIDA

Florida is often looked to as a model for state transfer policies. The state guarantees that students who complete an AA degree at a Florida college have the opportunity to earn a bachelor's degree at a state university or Florida college offering four-year degrees. It was one of two featured states ECS selected for the Blueprint for College Readiness Transfer section examples. Julie Alexander, Chief Academic and Student Affairs Officer for the Florida College System, will give provide webinar participants with an inside look at Florida's transfer and articulation programs. She will address some of the key elements that have led to the seamless transfer of students statewide, including: transferable general education core, common course numbering and the guaranteed transfer of associate degrees.



Julie Alexander serves as the chief academic and student affairs officer for the Florida College System, where her role includes interpretation of policy and facilitation of new policy implementation while coordinating statewide program initiatives. Alexander has a broad background in Florida's higher education policy, including experience with the Office of Student Financial Aid, Office of Articulation, Board of Governors Office and the Division of Career and Adult Education. She holds a Ph.D. in higher education from Florida State University and a masters degree in education in instructional technology from the University of West Florida.



More information about the Blueprint for College Readiness transfer policy analysis can be found here:
<http://www.ecs.org/html/educationissues/blueprint/Sections/2.3-TRANSFER-AND-ARTICULATION-POLICY.pdf>

The 50-state database looked at four policy dimensions within transfer and articulation. To see the results, please visit:
<http://www.ecs.org/html/educationissues/blueprint/bphemain7.asp>

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